

PAYNESVILLE CEMETERY CHAPEL
PAYNESVILLE, WISCONSIN

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"PAYNESVILLE CEMETERY CHAPEL."
Paynesville, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin
(Near Rock Creek)

Paynesville Cemetery Association (Owner)

Erected - 1882

Architect - Unknown

Builder - Henry Roethe

The building is in a fair condition of preservation. It sits on its original foundation. It is one story in height.

The foundation is of field stone and the rest of the structure including the roof is of wood.

This meeting place of a group of early day agnostics, is built along strictly Colonial lines. Due, no doubt, to the fact that some of those of this belief were New Englanders. They emigrated to the wilderness state in the thirties and then had builded here as they were accustomed to do back home in the East. Attention should be called to the beautiful fence which encloses this chapel as well as the age old cemetery. The original pews and stove remain intact in this structure. The walls are lined with portraits of early day thinkers, like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Payne, of whom these people were followers. Carl Schurz, the eminent statesman is said to have addressed a meeting at one time in this chapel.

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The foregoing facts were gathered from a descendant
of one of its first members.

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